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Responsive to the Official Action of November 3, 2004, applicants elect, with traverse, Group I, claims 53-83 and 95-121. Furthermore, as amended herein, claims 122-139 are now properly grouped with the elected claims. Finally, as a single disclosed species, applicants elect Pb²⁺ for search purposes only. All elected claims read on the elected species.